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For: RESISTANCE DEVICES, TOTAL-
BODY EXERCISE MACHINES
OUTFITTED THEREWITH, AND
EXERCISE METHODS USING SUCH
DEVICES AND MACHINES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

A brief statement of relevance as to each reference follows:

The disclosed 1993 and 1995 brochures and detailed sketch attached thereto relate to several treadmills marketed by Diversified Products of Opelika,

Alabama, in the United States prior to the priority date of the above-referenced application. The detailed sketch was created in July 2002 by Randy Bartlett, who, on information and belief, was involved in designing the subject treadmill. On information and belief, the pulleys underneath of the treadmill did not have any means for applying resistance to prevent the free rotation of the pulleys. Also on information and belief, the quick-link shown at the end of the elastic shock cord was used for attaching handgrips which contained weights, so that the amount of weight in the handgrip could be changed to vary the amount of upper body exercise desired.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before mailing of the first Official Action. No first Official Action has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. No fee or certification is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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	1)	DP® Fit for Life General Price List, June 1, 1993 (2pp); DP® Fit for Life Treadmills Brochure (3pp); DP® Fit for Life Roadmaster 1995 Catalog (4pp); Detailed sketch by Randy Bartlett, July 2002 (1p)

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